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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Lt. Governor Kinder names Chuck and Gay Whorlow of Joplin as Senior Service Award Winner**

*Award recognizes volunteer work by Missouri Seniors*

**JEFFERSON CITY** – Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today announced 35 winners of the Lieutenant Governor’s Senior Service Award, including Chuck and Gay Whorlow of Joplin.

Lt. Governor Kinder presented the awards today (May 8) at a luncheon for the winners and their guests outside his office in the Capitol. The Whorlows were nominated by Shelly Goerz, director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Southwest Missouri in Joplin, and by Bill Blair, vice president of American Rehabilitation Ministry Inc.

For the past 17 years, the Whorlows have volunteered in three agencies under the RSVP of Southwest Missouri umbrella. In 2012, they gave more than 2,000 hours to the local Area Agency on Aging in its Homebound Meals Program, Spring River Christian Village and the American Rehabilitation Ministry.

“Providing meals for the homebound goes without saying how much of an impact it has on those that would be without if not for these meals,” said Goerz in her nomination. “The help they provide to those in Spring River Christian Village nursing home brings a bright spot to their days.”

Blair said the Whorlows have been volunteering at ARM since 1996. “There is no way we could repay them for the service they have given us,” he said.

Lt. Governor Kinder presented the Whorlows with an official declaration and a Senior Service Award lapel pin at a ceremony in the Capitol.

“Chuck and Gay Whorlow set an example for all Missourians with their kindness and willingness to serve fulltime as volunteers in the Joplin community,” Kinder said. “Their selfless service is an inspiration to all who know them.”

Kinder this year received more than 150 nominations for the Senior Service Award, naming 34 winners representing the state's 34 Senatorial Districts and one at-large winner. The Whorlows won in District 32.